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'How is the hospital doing during the pandemic?' I have heard this question from many of you over the course of the past few months. I'm happy to report the answer to that question is that patients are receiving the same high level of care that our hospital is known for. However, many families are struggling during these difficult times. The need to fundraise won't — and

can't — stop in the face of a pandemic. Now is the time for us to continue to show that we care.

In this issue of Twigs, you'll read about the urgent need for help. There are many stories about patient families who need help with groceries, gas and

right before the COVID-19 restrictions, most other Branches have had to cancel or postpone their planned events. Rowan Branch is taking the plunge and is currently busy organizing an online "E-Spree" in lieu of an in-person event. Hill Branch plans to reach out to past donors through a direct mail campaign this fall. Other Branches are also considering letter-writing campaigns. 106 years ago we recognized the need to raise funds for a hospital that did not discriminate based on the ability to pay. Thanks to you all for your endless support for the hospital over the years. Today, families are struggling more than ever and I ask that you please consider making a gift to the Branches if you are able to do so during these challenging times. We hope to raise \$50,000 to assist the Social Services Department. Please consider the funds you donated last year to the

"The children need us now more than ever."

medical supplies not covered by their insurance. Their employment/income has stopped and they do not have access to the most basic of necessities. Their worlds are collapsing around them. Children's social workers see these stories exemplified every day at the hospital. Many of the children treated at Children's are part of the most vulnerable population segment in our community and COVID-19 has laid bare this fact.

The Branches have always adapted to meet the hospital's needs even in the midst of a changing world. Over the years, our members have created new and different fundraising activities. Why should adapting to the challenges of COVID-19 be any different? While we can't gather in person for our many legendary events, we certainly hold the needs of the hospital close to our hearts. I would love to know how the Branches coped with the 1918 Flu pandemic. The hospital was up and running for several years at that time and no doubt precautions and limitations were in place then as they are now. I wonder how those masked Branches members raised funds during the challenging times of an earlier era.

How will COVID-19 define the Branches in 2020? While Lombardy Branch was very fortunate to be able to successfully host their shopping spree event

hospital through the events you attended, auction items you bid on, raffle tickets you purchased as well as other contributions. Are you able to donate \$1,000 or \$500 ? Perhaps a gift of \$250 or \$100? Any amount is gratefully received and will be used to buy groceries, gas or medical supplies for these families in need. Together, we can make a sizable impact on the lives of these families. I look forward to a day in the future when we can once again plan wonderful in-person gatherings, but in the meantime, your monetary gifts will mean so much to so many. Thank you in advance!

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Let's Rush Crucial Help to the Children

During the COVID-19 outbreak, many of the hospital's families are struggling even more than they did previously. When a child gets ill, it's already a huge strain on a family. Oftentimes, one or both parents have to take time off to care for the sick child, which can mean a significant loss of income. It's not at all unusual for families to have to choose between food and medical equipment not covered by insurance. Let's pull together to help the Social Services program at the hospital! These kids and their families need our help more than ever.

The hospital Social Services team excels at assessing and meeting families' needs beyond the obvious medical concerns. In some cases, this includes ensuring a family can make it to the hospital. "Without the assistance of our department, some patients literally could not even get to their appointments because the family wouldn't have the resources to pay for transportation," Shabren Harvey-Smith, Director of Social Services, says. While the Social Services department does not diagnose illnesses or perform surgeries, they make a huge difference in supporting patient families. They provide grocery cards, gas cards, hot meals during long days at the hospital, medical supplies/equipment not covered by insurance, assistance with utility bills to keep medical equipment running, lodging for families who live at a distance from the hospital and more to alleviate the financial strain.

There are many families who have to make heartbreaking choices. Says Harvey-Smith, "I met a family in the NICU whose baby was premature and had complications from surgery. Both parents are now unemployed due to COVID-19. They live about 90 miles from the hospital and do not have the funds to pay for gas to see their baby." A gas card can make all the difference for a family in this situation.

Another family in the PICU stopped one of the social workers because they needed help. "The parents were waiting on unemployment benefits so they did not have money for food to feed themselves and their children at home." Other families have trouble buying all the necessary supplies for bringing a newborn home - a car seat, stroller, crib and diapers. It's very challenging for many families to afford these items.

"Employment/income has stopped due to the pandemic," says Harvey-Smith. "Basic necessities are collapsing around our families in a cascading nature. Though there has been leniency extended, without any income, debts are piling up at a rate that will be difficult if not unlikely to recover from."

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE, PLEASE DO! EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS.

\$50	Medical supplies that aren't covered by insurance for 2 families
\$100	Five gas cards for families to travel to the hospital
\$250	Ten grocery cards for families struggling to put food on the table
\$500	Sixty hot meals for parents spending long hours at the hospital with their child
\$1,000	Housing for a week for a family that lives over 75 miles away from the hospital (and who currently can't stay in Family House due to COVID-19)
\$2,500	Necessary supplies for bringing a newborn home (such as car-seat, stroller, diapers, etc.) for 10 families

A New Kind of Shopping Spree **Rowan's "E-Spree"**

The Rowan Branch ladies are not letting COVID-19 get in the way of helping the most fragile patients at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. They are being quite creative in putting on an online shopping spree that starts October 1st and will culminate in a live online event on October 8th at 5 pm. The online event promises to be both informational and inspirational, so mark your calendars!

Fantastic retailers are participating and giving back 20% of their proceeds throughout the week to the Branches. Clothing, jewelry and other accessories will be available.

The funding focus for Rowan's "E-Spree" Fund-a-Need will be NicView cameras, which allow patient families to remotely "visit" their infants in the NICU. UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland is the first hospital in the Bay Area to use these cameras.

Please plan on attending the E-Spree (virtually of course) and help spread the word! Stay tuned on Rowan's website for updates and more information: www.rowanbranch.org. To be added to the invitation list or to donate a silent auction item for this event, please contact Beth Lowe with Rowan Branch via email: beth@rowanbranch.org

Rowan Branch presents the
E-Spree
Online Shopping, Auction & Live Event
> Benefiting UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland <

Online Shopping Begins
Thursday, October 1st
With the Online Live Event
Thursday, October 8th at 5pm

More information at:
Rowanbranch.org

Our goal is \$50,000 to help these kids and families. Please consider giving a gift today. You can contribute online at the Branches website www.childrenshospitalbranches.org/donate or by sending a check to the Branches office in the donation envelope included in this issue of Twigs. This need is urgent, so on behalf of the children, we ask that you send your gift right away. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



February All Branches General Meeting in OPC Auditorium

Branches Updates and Heartfelt Stories



Little did we know when we gathered for our general meeting last February what this spring and summer would hold. Our world is so different now!

Close to 50 members from Acorn, Cacao, Chinquapin, Garden, Hill, Lilac, Lombardy, Rowan and Teak came together for a Branches update and to learn from and be inspired by each other. We heard about the successes from the fall and winter and were given a wonderful update from Erin Hickey about all that is happening at the hospital. She also shared an inspiring story about the recovery of a teenage boy in Oakland who was hit by a car and dragged along for four long blocks before being taken to the hospital and cared for. The video is titled "Carlos: From Tragedy to Triumph". It is a deeply touching story about a remarkable young man!

Joy Faussner didn't disappoint when she enlightened the group about her new year / birthday retail (shock?) therapy and also shared the amazing successes of the Bambino shop.

After that, Teresa Proctor from the NICU expressed a heartfelt 'thank you' for the ongoing support of the Branches. She brought one of the Giraffe warmers the Branches funded in 2018 as a show and tell, explaining how much easier it is to keep a preemie infant warm and safe in the warming bed, a piece of equipment that even

features a "lazy susan" style spinning tray so that the nursing staff can turn the baby around without moving the baby. It also has an ingenious x-ray tray below the bed, which means the baby can stay warm and safely nestled in place during x-rays. Teresa also showed us how the new NICU cameras can remove the distance between the baby and parents or other loved ones by streaming live footage directly to the parent's phone. Amazing technology! The Branches board voted to help fund more of this technology for the NICU through our efforts in this year's fundraising events.

Sadly, Branches with spring and fall events have had to postpone due to the COVID-19 outbreak. While in-person events are canceled for now, there will be opportunities for virtual events. Be sure to stay tuned for details about a virtual general meeting branches event. We sincerely hope to be able to get together in person again some day soon! Stay safe, stay home and stay healthy!



Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Teresa Proctor giving a show and tell about the Giraffe Warmer which makes caring for newborn preemies safer for the infant and easier for the health care provider.

Bambino Shop Finds Creative Ways to Raise Funds and Pay Rent During COVID



From left to right: Alison Ketler, Nitza Lopez, Pat Smith and Carol Miller.

After being closed for several months due to COVID-19 restrictions, Bambino is now open for shopping by appointment only. According to Carol Miller, two e-mails a week are being sent showing items for sale. Customers must email to set up an appointment ahead of time. "You can email us for an appointment time and one of us will bring the item you are interested in to the door. The customer stays outside and must wear a mask," says Carol. The Bambino volunteers also wear masks, of course, and hand sanitizer is offered prior to and after handling any merchandise.

Appointments are available Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

If you are interested in receiving the e-mails please send a note to BambinoThriftShop@Yahoo.com asking to be added to the distribution list.

Bambino is not able to accept donations at this time.

Stay tuned for details on the Bambino Private Shopping Event in November.

Branches raised
\$650,000
to benefit the hospital

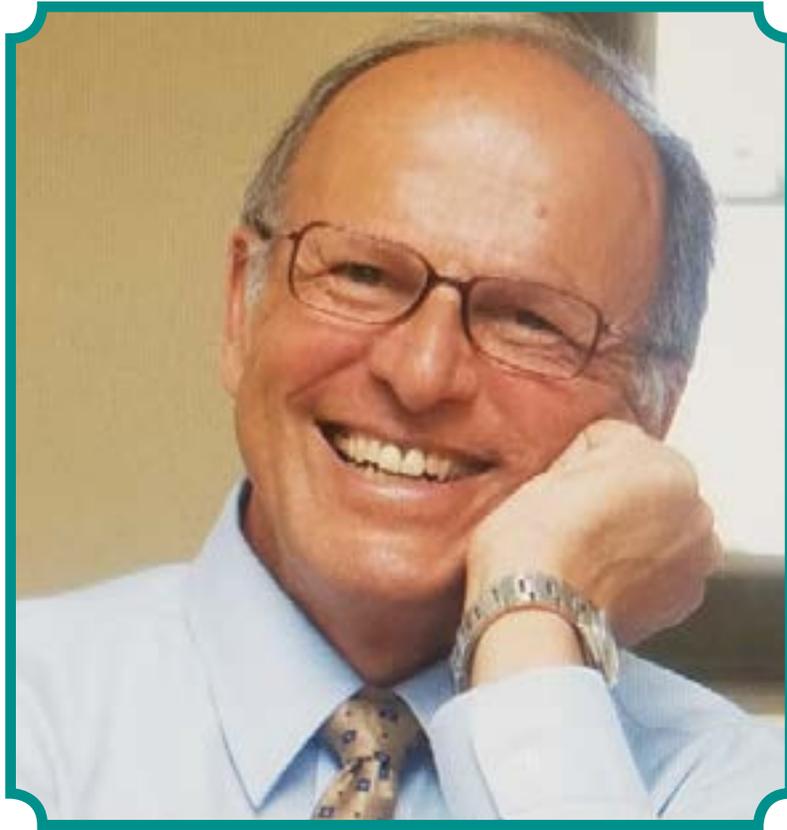
Items supported by these funds include:

- 3D TEE Cardiology Echo Probe
- Trans-Esophageal Neo-Natal Echo Probe
- Respiratory Heliox Machine
- 11 Rocking Chairs for NICU
- Virtual Reality for Neurosurgery
- Emergency Medicine Bed
- NICU Summer Reunion Picnic
- Cardiology monitors

Due to unexpected savings obtained on purchasing equipment from our 2019 funding wish list, the Branches was able to provide some financial support to the Child Life Department and Telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis.



Branches 2020 board members, left to right: Marianne Malenk (Chinquapin), Clare McDonald (Lombardy), Sheila Challey (Rowan), Carol Miller (Teak), Linda Webber (Lilac), Beverly Ingram (UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals, not a CHB board member), Kerry Plain (Garden), Mary Lou Carter (Lilac), Lucy Talbot (Hill), Sandra Carpenter (Cacao), Kristina Smith (Rowan), Freddie Darmstadt (Chinquapin), Julie Davidson (Lombardy) and Wendy Dunn (Lombardy)
Board members not present for photo: Eileen Caponio (Rowan) and advisory member Cece Werson (Hawthorne)



Dr. Bertram Lubin 1939-2020

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of Dr. Bert Lubin, former President and CEO of UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland and Associate Dean for Children's Health for UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, who passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 27, 2020. Dr. Lubin was always a steadfast supporter of Branches' activities over the years; he attended countless Branches events.

Bert's stellar career spanned fifty years in advancing the health and wellbeing of children. His work as a physician, researcher, hospital leader and philanthropist had a profound impact on countless children and adults. His tireless pursuit to helping disadvantaged children in the East Bay touched both his professional and personal life.

Bert grew up in Bellevue, Pa., a small town outside of Pittsburgh. He often spoke about his parents' fruit and vegetable market where he

worked from a very young age. He completed medical school at the University of Pittsburgh and did a pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Drafted into the army, Bert served in Vietnam, as a physician in a provincial health program. When he returned home, he did a hematology/oncology fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. He then returned to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania, to become Director of the Hematology Laboratory and an assistant professor of pediatrics.

Joining Children's Oakland in 1973 as Chief of Hematology/Oncology, Bert started the research program there. As a scientist, he was instrumental in numerous breakthroughs, particularly in blood diseases that disproportionately affect minorities, most notably sickle cell disease. His advocacy conducting sickle cell screening on all newborns led to California becoming the first state to require such

screening routinely on all newborns, a majority of states having since adopted similar policies.

In 2009, Bert was chosen to be President and CEO of Children's Hospital Oakland, becoming the first pediatrician to serve as a CEO of a children's hospital in California. He realized the unique challenges facing stand-alone children's hospitals, and became the driving force behind the affiliation between Children's Hospital Oakland and the University of California San Francisco.

Bert made significant gifts to a variety of causes including First 5 California, East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, Oakland Leaf, Oakland Community Pools Project, East Bay College Fund, Notes and Words as well as founding the Center for Community Health and Engagement (CCHE) at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. He was active in many local service organizations and served on more than a dozen boards, including the Oakland Mayor's Health Task Force, Oakland Promise, and the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music.

Bert has always been committed to the health outcomes of vulnerable populations as seen in his longtime commitment to his patients with Sickle Cell Anemia and his recent dedication to immigrant health access and care. He loved working at Oakland Children's Hospital, where he was on a first name basis not only with the medical staff, but also with the nurses, cafeteria

employees, cleaning staff, and security. He enjoyed working with everyone that makes UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland a leading hospital for the East Bay community.

In addition to playing and listening to jazz, Bert was an avid tennis player who played on his college team and continued to play as long as he could. He also found great joy in watching the Warriors recent championships. Surely, many Branches members remember him playing with his jazz combo during the Cacao Jazz Jam a few years back.

More than anything, Bert was a caring person who positively impacted as many lives as possible, whether by mentoring up-and-coming scientists through the summer internship program for young scientists or by lending a helping hand to people who needed medical advice. He had a huge heart, a warm smile, and a commitment to leaving the world a better place.

His positivity, energy, passion for children and his community was unceasing. He will be sorely missed.

We extend our deepest condolences to his wife Vivian Scharlach and his children. The Branches Board has decided to make a \$5,000 donation to the "Dr. Bertram Lubin Health Career and STEM Scholarship Fund" in Dr. Lubin's memory.



Dr. Lubin surrounded by his dear Branches friends during the opening of the new Outpatient Center (OPC) in 2018.

Left to right: Current Branches board President Lucy Talbot (Hill), board member Eileen Caponio (Rowan), Dr. Lubin, ex board President Betty Jo Olson (Acacia) and ex board President and current board V.P., Kristina Smith (Rowan).

Lombardy Pop-Up Shopping Event

Shop 'Til You Drop
and do some good while you're at it!

Set to the gorgeous green backdrop of the Orinda Woods neighborhood, the Lombardy ladies put on a fun shopping spree in the Woodhall event space. About 70 guests gathered to swoon over goodies presented by fashion favorite Trina Turk, as well as jewelry designer Kathy Kamei with her Balinese technique inspired pieces as well as Lombardy member Lauren French's Beautycounter clean skincare and makeup products. As if this were not enough, the stylish and popular eyewear line Flutter was also set up and selling their cute eyeglasses. Guests were greeted with a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres, and lots of fun was had by all. Incredible raffle prizes such as a white gold and diamond bar necklace (\$1,000 value) donated by Morrison's Jewelers garnered lots of attention for the raffle, and in total the event raised about \$11,000 for the hospital.

Raffle ticket proceeds will be used to purchase much needed homeless child discharge backpacks, filled with items such as shoes, toiletries, a full outfit, a water bottle and other necessities. Each backpack costs the hospital \$250, and Lombardy is still collecting donations towards these important packs. If you'd like to participate in this effort, checks can be mailed to the office (address on front cover). In the notes section, please indicate "Lombardy homeless child discharge backpacks". Thank you!



Lombardy President Julie Davidson with Wendy Dunn and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Foundation's Director of Volunteer Programs, Beverly Ingram.



Lombardy members Lisa Spiegler and Joy Braitberg

CHB Welcomes New Board Member

Linda Webber

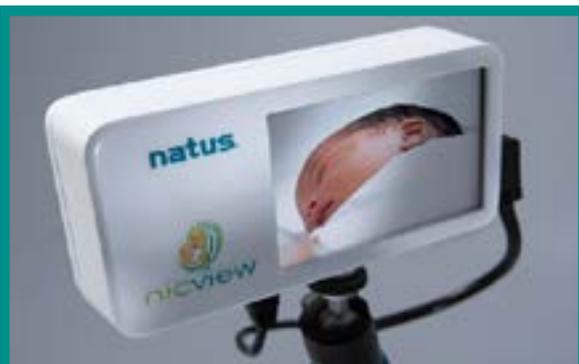


Linda Webber was excited to join Lilac Branch five years ago to help raise money for the hospital. This year, Linda was also invited onto the Branches board, a job she is very much enjoying.

She is also a grateful grandmother and wanted to support an organization with a focus on raising money to improve the lives of the children being cared for at Children's. Her own granddaughter Maddie had open heart surgery at 17 months, and it was a scary time for the entire family. Today Maddie is 22 years old, graduated from college and a happy new bride. Linda will be forever grateful to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland and she definitely believes in miracles!

The highlight of Linda's involvement with the Branches is the Lilac Fashion show event. Prior to being part of Lilac Branch, Linda attended the event for many years. A close second was the Sips in the City event last fall, where Linda headed the sub-committee to manage vintners and wine tasting. The event went off without a hitch; in fact it was one of the most successful events in Branches history. "The fun part of a new event is you have the opportunity to be creative. If one idea does not work, you just change it until it does!" With the help of many Sips committee members using their contacts, 12 wineries participated in the very successful event.

Linda's family is her husband Tom, a daughter and son with their spouses and three grand-daughters.



Lilac had to cancel their long standing annual Fashion Show event due to COVID-19, but thanks to generous supporters and members, they were still able to collect enough funds to purchase a NicView camera for the NICU. This technology helps families to check in on their infant using their smart phone or iPad device even though they can't visit in person. Thank you, Lilac!

Be sure to stay tuned for information about the **General Meeting on September 22 at 10 am!**

In the meantime, mark your calendars!



Planned Giving

Make Your Legacy One of Compassion and Care for Children

Most women in the Branches have dedicated years, even decades to raise awareness and funds for our beloved hospital. Without question, the hospital has a very important place in our hearts. One way to assure the longevity of the Branches and the success of our hospital is to make a planned gift.

“There are so many options and ways to help benefit the Branches while benefiting yourself with some savvy tax planning”, says Tina Hurley, Planned Giving Officer at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals. “A smart thing to consider is making a gift directly to Children’s Hospital Branches, Inc. of appreciated assets, like long-term appreciated stock or other securities. You can avoid capital gains tax and receive an immediate charitable deduction based on fair market value.”



Tina Hurley, Planned Giving Officer UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals Foundation

Another option is a legacy gift. Charitable bequests enable donors to make significant gifts that they could not have made during life. While considering a bequest from your revocable trust or will, think about some of the benefits of such a gift:



- You will create a lasting legacy
- You control your assets during your lifetime and may change your bequest or trust designation at any time
- Your bequest or trust designation will not be subject to potential federal estate tax
- You can assure the longevity of the Branches and our support for the hospital

You can also name the Branches as a beneficiary on your retirement accounts, potentially eliminating income and estate taxes on these assets in your estate and leaving more for your family and heirs. Finally, you can realize tremendous personal satisfaction by making a bequest to the Branches in your estate plans.

Regardless of the type of gift, the designation of your gift is important. Please be sure to remember to designate your gift specifically to Children’s Hospital Branches. When the Baby Hospital was founded in 1914, the Branches were right there beside founders Bertha Wright and Mabel Weed, assuring financial support. Historically, the Branches have always been the most important financial grassroots community supporters of the hospital. Of course, times change, and since the inception of the hospital, the Branches have ‘branched off’ into Children’s Hospital Branches, and we are now our own non-profit 501 (c) (3) entity. Our sole reason for existing is still to support UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland. The funds the Branches give to the hospital are very carefully

considered by our board each year, are then directed towards a specific purpose and monitored closely. This is a wonderful way to assure to fund specific important programs or equipment which may otherwise not be funded.

Says lawyer and Hill Branch member Suzanne Farley: "In considering the longevity and the rich history of the Branches, and in a truly long term approach to supporting the hospital, please also give consideration to a gift to the Children's Hospital Branches Endowment Fund. This fund will ensure the legacy of the Branches well into the future, and is a wonderful option for directing your gift."

Planned gifts include much more than bequests. There are also ways to take advantage of the Charitable IRA Rollover to make a simple and tax-wise gift. If you are 70.5 years and older, you may donate up to \$100,000 to Children's Hospital Branches from your IRA account without treating the distribution as taxable income.

What should my next steps be?

- Get in touch with your professional advisor for guidance pertaining to your circumstances.
- Be sure to designate your gift to "Children's Hospital Branches, Inc." or "CHB, Inc."
- Consider:
 - Gifting a specific dollar amount
 - Gifting a percentage of your estate
 - Gifting from the balance or residue of your estate
 - Making a beneficiary designation of certain assets

In addition, there are two new provisions from the congressional bill just signed into law last spring:

The deduction limits have been increased. Individuals in 2020 will be able to deduct cash gifts to the extent of their entire adjusted gross income, and the deduction limit for corporations has been raised from 10% to 25% of taxable income. In addition Required Minimum Distributions have been waived in 2020. There will be no mandatory distributions from retirement accounts (whatever the age of the owner), thus allowing those accounts to recover. The minimum age for making a tax-free transfer from an IRA to a charity remains at 70½, and the annual limit remains at \$100,000. However, since cash gifts are deductible in 2020 to the extent of adjusted gross income, a person could withdraw and then contribute a larger amount—with the deduction offsetting the taxable withdrawal.

For additional advise, please contact your tax professional. You may also contact Planned Giving Officer Tina Hurley at 510-428-3814, and let her know you are a Branches member.

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"Una Bella Serata Italiana"

John Rittmaster, co-owner and wine buyer at Prima Vini and Prima Ristorante in Walnut Creek, swept the group up and took us on a viticultural journey through Piemonte in northern Italy. Piemonte literally means "at the foot of the mountain", and that's where we learned about Nebbiolo grapes, what constitutes a true Barbera or Barbaresco wine and lots of other details about Italian wine making.

Hostess of this lovely wine and food pairing event was Lucy Talbot, Hill Branch member and President of the Branches' Board. The event was a sign-up dinner offered at Sips in The City, and it sold out before being offered for sale. An impressive \$4,000 was raised for the hospital during this "Bella Sera Piemontese".

The Northern Italian inspired menu included a variety of tasty bites, each paired perfectly with the wine selection: Scampi Impanati (breaded shrimp), Crostini ai Funghi (mushroom crostini), Ravioli Gnudi ("naked" ravioli - ravioli without the pasta wrapper), Pizzette (small portion-sized

pizzas), and delicious Polpette (Lamb and spicy Italian sausage meatballs). Chuck DiRaimundo especially made the Pizzette for the party as he had learned to make them in Italy. Thank you, Chuck!

A scrumptious selection of desserts was offered as well: homemade biscotti, gold flake topped Bombolini (lemon-infused Italian style doughnuts) and lemon tartlets, prepared by Dana Farkas, Lucy's very talented sister.

This event is promising to be a returning favorite. As soon as COVID-19 restrictions have lifted and we are able to gather together again, planning will begin for the next Italian evening. "Ci vediamo!"

During the summer of 2020 due to the impacts of COVID-19, Prima Ristorante unfortunately had to close its doors. Prima Vini is still open for business. Let's support them in the same way they've supported the Branches over the years!



Wendy Dunn, John Rittmaster of Prima Restaurant and Prima Vini, Lisa Jorgens, Lucy Talbot, Sheila Challey, Beth Lowe and Susanne Simas



Sous chefs Lisa Jorgens (Hill), friend of Lucy's Joan Maxwell, friend of Lucy's Carol DiRaimondo, Lucy Talbot, pastry chef and sister Dana Farkas

Marilyn Zecher

You Will Be Missed!



It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of our longtime stalwart Branches member Marilyn Zecher on May 12th, following a long battle with cancer.

Marilyn was a true leader in her Alameda community. It was there that she was raised and in turn raised her own family. Marilyn's love for Children's Hospital began in childhood when her brother Jack's life was saved from a deadly tumor. This gratitude to the hospital stayed with Marilyn throughout her life. She was an active member of Bud Branch while attending Alameda High School where she also met her dear husband Hal.

As a young mother, Marilyn joined Garden Junior Branch in 1963 and then Garden Branch. Two of her three children were hospital patients which again reinforced her love of the hospital.

For nearly 60 years, Marilyn shared her many talents as a leader of Garden Branch where she held every officer position and was serving as its chair until her death. She was a longtime Branches Board member and was Board Vice President for more than a decade. She was also awarded the Alice Bullard Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to her Garden Branch leadership, Marilyn was involved in countless Branch events over many years. Her favorite was the CHB Rubber Ducky Derby. It was through this event that she met Orvie Pamp and Cyndi Santaella who would remain dear friends until her passing.

Marilyn's cheery disposition, easy laugh, love of a good cocktail and commitment to Children's Hospital will be dearly missed. She was a wonderful example of selflessness and generosity of spirit. We will be paying Marilyn more tribute in the time to come.



Marilyn with life-long friend, Orvie Pamp, at the Rowan Shopping Spree in 2018.



At the Bud Branch Evening of the Stars event in 2018, surrounded by Marianne Malenk, Kristina Smith and Betty Jo Olson.



Marilyn with fellow Garden Branch members Susan Potter and Kerry Plain at the Volunteer Recognition event in 2018.

Hill Branch 62nd Winter Ball

Debs Focus on Philanthropy in a Modernized Winter Ball Program

The annual Winter Ball is the Hill Branch major fundraiser; it celebrates and honors young women for their achievements as they graduate from high school and begin their lives as young adults. This year the money from the Ball was used to buy life-saving equipment, including a NICU-sized 2-D TEE probe allowing a surgeon to see a tiny baby's heart with not more than a needle inserted.

The 62nd Winter Ball, co-chaired by Sydney Proctor and Carol Ann Barber, was held on Saturday, December 21 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in San Francisco. Ten young women from the East Bay were presented. They were: Margaret Demeter Faust, Elizabeth Jean Hosler, Caroline Lily Strauch, Chloe Renee Tjogas, Lauren Kelly Young, Sarah Anne Bone, Andrea Sharon Libby, Anna Josephine Lockart, Lauren Haley Mc Anich, and Lauren Isabelle Murphy.

The fancy parties that were a hallmark of past Hill Branch debutante scenes have been replaced by more casual outings, including touring the hospital, working at the 40th Annual NICU reunion picnic as well as and making breakfast and providing gift bags for parents staying at Family House over Thanksgiving and

Christmas breaks. A fun, casual beach outing over the summer included making gifts of tiny tie-dye shirts for babies in the NICU.

Winter Ball isn't just about introducing young ladies to society, but perhaps more about getting them involved in the society of philanthropy, specifically raising funds and awareness for UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland through Children's Hospital Branches. The 2019 group of young women will continue being invited to join us in activities benefitting the hospital and it's patients for years to come.

For the first time in sixty three years, The Winter Ball will not be held in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Instead, the 2020 Deb class will join with the 2021 class for a beautiful event in December of 2021. All young women who are current Seniors in high school are welcome to join the 2021 event. Please send any inquiries to sydneyproctor66@gmail.com



Dr. Stephen Lockhart and his daughter Anna



Dr. Glenn Young and his daughter Lauren



Top row, left to right:

Chloe Renee Tjogas, Anna Josephine Lockart,
Elizabeth Jean Hosler, Margaret Demeter Faust

Bottom row, left to right:

Lauren Haley Mc Annich, Andrea Sharon Libby,
Caroline Lily Strauch, Lauren Kelly Young,
Sarah Anne Bone, Lauren Isabelle Murphy

*Hill Branch gratefully acknowledges the
generous patron level donors benefiting the
62nd Annual Winter Ball*

Platinum Level ~ \$10,000

The Cummings Family

Gold Level ~ \$5,000

Mr. Dale Crandall

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Neil Jorgens

Mr. James McKee

Silver Level ~ \$2,500

Ms. Lynne Edminster and Mr. Brian Gareth Atwood

The Ellis Family

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris Gibson III

Dr. and Mrs. Roger Proctor



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UPCOMING BRANCHES EVENTS

Due to COVID-19, our in-person events are canceled for the foreseeable future. However, the hospital's needs have not diminished, quite the opposite. The children need us now more than ever. Please consider a donation to the Branches! Donation envelope inside.

Virtual All Branches General Meeting and Volunteer Recognition

September 22, 2020 (Tuesday), 10 am

Stay tuned for more details from your Branch Chair on how to join virtually

Virtual Rowan Branch "E-Spree" Shopping Event

October 1-8: E-Spree online shopping event

October 8, 5 pm: Live event

To register, email beth@rowanbranch.org More details at www.rowanbranch.org

Please consider donating on our website: childrenshospitalbranches.org/donate

You may also mail your donation to the office:

CHB @ CHORI Campus, 5700 MLK Jr. Way, T-2, Oakland, CA 94609

Look for the donation envelope inside.